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1. There were about 700 police in the guard battalion of the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Volkspolizei (Main Administration German Volkspolizei) (HVDVP) in early March 1952. It was organized into the headquarters with the commanding officer, the PK chief, the SED secretary, the FDJ secretary, the chief of staff, the liaison officer to the Ministry of State Security, the supply section, the personnel section, the medical section, the motor pool and the dog-handler section; and 4 companies with 4 Zuege to each company and 4 squads to each Zug. The 1st and 3d Cos were stationed in the Grosse Rampe Camp in Berlin-Niederschotenhausen and the 2d and 4th Co at 31 Heinrich Mannstrasse, Berlin-Niederschotenhausen.
2. Installations to be protected by personnel of the guard battalion were: The HVDVP, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Soviet Zone Parliament and the parliaments of the Soviet Zone Laender, the Grosse Rampe Supply Depot of the HVDVP, the Bureau of Information, the Patent Office, the office of the Attorney General on Invalidenstrasse, the Bureau of Goods Control, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction, the Ministry of Planning, the Finance Ministry, the Ministry of Education, the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry, the Ministry of Import and Export Trade, and the Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture.
3. Officers of the guard battalion included: VP Kommandeur Hans Ringel, commanding officer; VP Kommandeur Kurt Nestler, deputy commander and PK chief; VP Kommissar Willi Lache, SED secretary; VP Oberkommissar Kurt Schubert, chief of staff; VP Rat Heinz Rutkowski, personnel officer; and VP Oberrat Reichert (fnu), liaison officer to the Ministry of State Security. *

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